

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~performed by a device, the method~~ comprising:
 - receiving a bid command from a trader to buy ~~a first size of an item;~~
 - generating automatically at least one of a price and a size for an offer to sell an offer value for the item based on the bid command at least one of a price and a size for a bid to buy the item;
 - receiving the bid ~~submitting the bid command~~ to buy the ~~first size of the item on behalf of the trader;~~ and
 - receiving an offer ~~submitting an offer command~~ to sell a ~~second size of the item on behalf of the trader~~ based on the generated at least one of a price and a size for the offer; ~~wherein the offer command is based on the offer value.~~
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - displaying current bid and offer data associated with the item, wherein receiving the bid command comprises ~~[[; and]]~~ receiving a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data displayed ~~as the receiving of the bid command.~~
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, ~~further comprising~~ coloring the piece of the bid and offer data 1, wherein the at least one of a price and a size for the offer is generated automatically based at least on a pre-set spread amount.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the current bid and offer data comprises a bid price for the item, wherein ~~further comprising~~ receiving the bid command is received when the trader selects ~~a bid~~ the bid price for the item ~~as the piece of the bid and offer data.~~
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the current bid and offer data is displayed in a screen display selected from the group consisting of a market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the bid command is received through a keyboard entry of the bid command~~ wherein the bid to buy the item specifies a price and wherein the price for the offer is generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the bid.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically displaying an ~~interactive trading~~ interface screen in response to the receiving of the bid command, the interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying a term of the offer to sell the item, the at least one field populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated for the offer automatically.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer to be positioned over a button in an ~~interactive trading~~ interface screen corresponding to the bid command.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned over a bid button in the ~~interactive trading~~ interface screen.

14. (Currently Amended) A method ~~performed by a device, the method~~ comprising:

receiving a bid command from a trader to buy ~~a first size of an item via a first trading command entry~~ interface screen;

generating automatically at least one of a price and a size for an offer to sell an offer value for the item based on the bid command at least one of a price and a size for a bid to buy the item; and

presenting a second interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term of the offer to sell the item populated with the at least one

of a price and a size generated for the offer automatically ~~that contains information relating to submission of the bid command to buy the first size of the item and an offer command to sell a second size of the item;~~

~~submitting the bid command on behalf of the trader; and
submitting the offer command on behalf of the trader.~~

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
displaying current bid and offer data in the first ~~trading command entry~~
interface screen [[; and]] wherein receiving the bid command comprises receiving a
selection of a piece of the bid and offer data displayed ~~as the receiving of the bid~~
~~command via the first trading command entry interface.~~

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, ~~further comprising~~
~~coloring the piece of the bid and offer data in the first trading command entry~~
~~interface 14, wherein the at least one of a price and a size is generated for the offer~~
automatically based at least on a pre-set spread amount.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the current bid
and offer data comprises a bid price for the item, wherein further comprising
receiving the bid command is received when the trader selects ~~a bid~~ the bid price for
the item ~~as the piece of the bid and offer data.~~

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the first trading
command entry interface is a screen display selected from the group consisting of a
market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.

19-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, ~~wherein the bid command is~~
~~received through a keyboard entry and wherein the first trading command entry~~
~~interface is a command line interface~~ wherein the bid to buy the item specifies a price

and wherein the price for the offer is generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the bid.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23, ~~further comprising overriding the generated offer value where a bid price, an offer price, a bid size, and an offer size are received from the trader through the command line interface 15, the~~ second interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, ~~further comprising automatically displaying the second interface in response to the receiving of the bid command 24, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item with the selected bid price.~~

26-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method ~~performed by a device, the method~~ comprising:

receiving an offer command from a trader to sell a ~~first size of an item;~~
generating automatically at least one of a price and a size for a bid to buy a bid value for the item based on the offer command at least one of a price and a size for an offer to sell the item;

receiving the offer submitting the offer command to sell the first size of the item on behalf of the trader; and

receiving a bid submitting a bid command to buy a second size of the item based on the generated at least one of a price and a size for the bid on behalf of the trader, wherein the bid command is based on the bid value.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, further comprising:

displaying current bid and offer data associated with the item, wherein receiving the offer command comprises ~~[[; and]]~~ receiving a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data displayed ~~as the receiving of the offer command.~~

32. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31, ~~further comprising coloring the piece of the bid and offer data~~ 30, wherein the at least one of a price and a size for the bid is generated automatically based at least on a pre-set spread amount.

33. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the current bid and offer data comprises an offer price for the item, wherein ~~further comprising receiving the offer command is received~~ when the trader selects ~~an offer~~ the offer price for the item ~~as the piece of the bid and offer data.~~

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the current bid and offer data is displayed in a screen display selected from the group consisting of a market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.

35-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently amended) The method of claim 30, ~~wherein the submission of the offer command is received as a keyboard entry of the offer command~~ wherein the offer to sell the item specifies a price and wherein the price for the bid is generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the offer.

40. (Currently amended) The method of claim 30, further comprising automatically displaying an ~~interactive trading~~ interface screen in response to ~~the~~ receiving of the offer command, the interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying a term of the bid to buy the item, the at least one field populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated for the bid automatically.

41. (Currently amended) The method of claim 30, further comprising automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer to be positioned over a button in an ~~interactive trading~~ interface screen corresponding to the offer command.

42. (Currently amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned over an offer button in the ~~interactive trading~~ interface screen.

43. (Currently amended) A method ~~performed by a device, the method~~ comprising:

receiving an offer command from a trader to sell a first size of an item via a first ~~trading command entry~~ interface screen;

generating automatically at least one of a price and a size for a bid to ~~buy a bid value for the item based on the offer command~~ at least one of a price and a size for an offer to sell the item; and

presenting a second interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term of the bid to buy the item populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated for the bid automatically ~~that relates to submission the offer command to sell the first size of the item and a bid command to buy a second size of the item, wherein the bid command is based on the bid value;~~

~~submitting the offer command on behalf of the trader; and~~

~~submitting the bid command on behalf of the trader.~~

44. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43, further comprising:

displaying current bid and offer data in the first ~~trading command entry~~ interface screen ~~[[; and]]~~ wherein receiving the offer command comprises receiving a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data displayed as the receiving of the offer command via the first trading command entry interface.

45. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[44,]]~~ ~~further comprising coloring the piece of the bid and offer data in the first trading command entry~~

~~interface 43, wherein the at least one of a price and a size is generated for the bid automatically based at least on a pre-set spread amount.~~

46. (Currently amended) The method of claim 44, wherein the current bid and offer data comprises a bid price for the item, wherein further comprising receiving the offer command is received when the trader selects the bid an offer price for the item as the piece of the bid and offer data.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the first trading command entry interface is a screen display selected from the group consisting of a market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.

48-51. (Cancelled)

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, ~~wherein the offer command is received through a keyboard entry and wherein the first trading command entry interface is a command line interface~~ wherein the offer to sell the item specifies a price and wherein the price for the bid is generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the offer.

53. (Currently amended) The method of claim 52, ~~further comprising overriding the generated bid value where a bid price, an offer price, a bid size, and an offer size are received from the trader through the command line interface 44, the~~ second interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item.

54. (Currently amended) The method of claim 43, ~~further comprising automatically displaying the second interface in response to the receiving of the offer command~~ 53, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item with the selected offer price.

55-105. (Cancelled)

106. (New) The method of claim 4, comprising displaying an interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item and at least field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item.

107. (New) The method of claim 106, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item with the selected bid price.

108. (New) The method of claim 106, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying the at least one term for the offer to sell the item with the at least one of a price and a size of the item generated for the offer automatically.

109. (New) The method of claim 106, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item with a price a predetermined amount better than the selected bid price.

110. (New) The method of claim 106, the interface screen comprising at least one price up button and at least one price down button for adjusting terms of at least one of the bid and the offer.

111. (New) The method of claim 1, the bid to buy the item and the offer to sell the item submitted simultaneously.

112. (New) The method of claim 33, comprising displaying an interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item and at least field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item.

113. (New) The method of claim 112, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item with the selected offer price.

114. (New) The method of claim 112, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying the at least one term for the bid to buy the item with the at least one of a price and a size of the item generated for the bid automatically.

115. (New) The method of claim 112, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item with a price a predetermined amount better than the selected offer price.

116. (New) The method of claim 112, the interface screen comprising at least one price up button and at least one price down button for adjusting terms of at least one of the bid and the offer.

117. (New) The method of claim 30, the bid to buy the item and the offer to sell the item submitted simultaneously.